

THE ADVOCATE.

FARM AND GARDEN.

Costiveness from eating dry food kills lots of sheep.

Economical manuring requires a knowledge of the soil and of fertilizing ingredients.

Clean out and destroy all the waste from the cellar. Millions of insect eggs and disease germs are thereby rendered harmless.

If you have a windmill, by providing an elevated tank, you can always have water with a head for the sprinkling garden and lawn.

There are 62,000 women in America interested in the cultivation of fruit, and among them are some of the most successful orchardists in California.

The Grange has made additions proof of the idea that our education is by no means entirely a product of organized schools, or teachers or printed books.

Sheep will improve the land if the management of the pasture is intelligent. If the sheep are pastured upon pasture that is so short that they will destroy the roots, there will be no improvement.

Currants require a good soil and clean culture. The addition of compost in which ashes are mixed will insure a crop every year. By planting currants on both sides of a light fence their season of ripening can be prolonged ten to fifteen days.

What is a plant but a structure to be built by Nature's forces, under prescribed conditions, out of materials furnished on hand? For what purpose? Food for the plant, then, with that which is needed for its growth. What more simple problem than this!

The nests will be the first hatching places for lice. Keep them clean from the beginning and one-half the labor of avoiding lice will be saved. Insect powder should be freely used over the material in the nests, and the nests should be cleaned out and new material added frequently.

It is stated that there is an element in the common pineapple similar to spin, and of such remarkable length that the juice of a single apple will digest ten lbs. of beef. It is further stated that the juice of the fruit is a very active solvent of the membrane found in diphtheria.

When there is trouble about the separation of the butter from the milk, a correspondent of the American Agriculturist says that adding a quart of water at sixty-four degrees, in which a teaspoonful of salt has been dissolved, to each four quarts of cream, when ready to start for the churn, with him reduced the time of churning from three hours to twenty minutes.

All pruning done before buds start into growth stimulates those that remain so that they grow all the more vigorously. Pruning trees when in leaf is, on the contrary, a check to the whole plant, and does not stimulate what is left. It is quite apt, however, with very vigorous trees, to cause buds to start, and may thus be sometimes advisable to bring young orchards more quickly into bearing.

MANURING FRUIT TREES.—We saw a day or two since a farmer putting loads of stable manure at the trunk of trees, which is very much as if a man were fed by placing food at his feet. The feeding roots of trees always extend farther than their branches. Long before the branches meet, the roots interlace. The proper way to feed such trees is to deposit manure in the middle of the rows between the trees where the feeding roots are, rather than at their base where the roots are too large to assimilate nourishment. —[Am. Cultivator.]

FEEDING CABBAGE TO STOCK.—Cabbage has been cultivated for centuries of years principally as a table food. Now, however, it is being grown as a field crop for stock. Profitable cabbage soil should contain phosphates, potash, soda and lime. Ordinary barnyard manure contains these elements. Sixty tons of cabbage have been grown to the acre. Cattle and sheep will do reasonably well on cabbage alone, but better when mixed with other feed. Cows, hogs and all kinds of poultry will consume much cabbage profitably, if it be fed with other feed. —[Pacific Rural Spirit.]

USE OF KEROSENE AND GREASE.—Kerosene is excellent when used in the poultry house on the roosts, and is the best remedy for the removal of the large head lice; but kerosene should not be used on the body of a fowl, nor should grease of any kind be used on little chicks except by applying a few drops on the head, as it will kill them. Grease is a lubrication to all classes of fowl, and they will seek to remove it in the same manner as soon as it is applied. We mention this matter because there are those who sometimes grease on fowls too liberally. —[New York Tribune.]



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"Yes, I suppose so," replied the man beside the open window.

"And don't you know," continued the man in the seat behind, "that even though you are willing to risk your own health, it is selfish and wrong of you to risk the health of other people?"

"Yes, I guess you are about right," replied the man by the window.

"Well, then," continued the man behind, "considering all these things and that you are, probably, an ordinarily decent man, why don't you close that window?"

"Stranger," replied the man beside the window, as he turned around in his seat and gazed full upon his interrogator, "if you want that window shut, why, shut it."

"By gum! I will!" the man in the seat behind exclaimed.

And he evidently meant what he said, for he leaned over and began tugging at the window with an energy born of intense indignation at the conduct of the man in front. The window clung, somehow. It wouldn't come. Despite the irate man's continued tugging, it still clung. The man in the seat by the window appeared to obtain an intense pleasure from the other man's efforts, and when the tigger finally ceased his vain tugging, and after uttering a gentle oath resumed his seat in sullen silence, the man by the still open window remarked—

"You're feeling just about the way I've felt all the afternoon. I've been working off and on at that window for the last two hours, but I guess the blamed thing's open to stay." —[New York Tribune.]

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